

(a) whether Government proposes to establish cultural centres in various parts of Bihar to promote rich heritage of its culture; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) A Scheme to set up Multipurpose Cultural Complexes in States, including those for children has been circulated to all States and Union Territories inviting proposals for financial assistance. No proposal has been received from the Government of Bihar.

Cancellation of Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry Department of Delhi University

3394. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Ph.D degrees awarded by Delhi University in Chemistry, supervisor and scholar's name-wise during the last three years;

(b) the number of Ph.D registration of female scholars cancelled by Delhi University in the Department of Chemistry, supervisor and scholar's name-wise during the last three years;

(c) what action is taken by the University to restore the registration of female scholars of the Chemistry Department of Delhi University; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Literacy in Punjab

3395. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a distinct growth of literacy in the country particularly in Punjab during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof both in rural and urban areas separately and the targets fixed and achievements made, year-wise;

(c) the amount of the Central assistance made to the State Government for the last three years;

(d) whether the funds were fully utilised every year; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Literacy data for the last 3 years is not available as it is collected through the decennial census operations which were last conducted in 1991. The literacy rate in the rural and urban areas of the country and in the State of Punjab according to 1981 and 1991 census were as under :—

	1981		1991	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
All India	36.09	67.34	44.54	73.01
Punjab	41.73	64.96	52.77	72.08

(c) to (e) As no Adult Education Programmes were taken up by the state government in 1991-92 & 1992-93 no grants were released to the State Government for this purpose. During the current year Total Literacy Campaigns have been recently approved for Faridkot and Hoshiarpur districts which will cover 3.50 lakh and 2.30 lakh learners in the 15—45 age group respectively.